

Lorenzo Snow
Fifth President of the Church
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Some time before his death President Woodruff said that it was not pleasing to the Lord that a long space of time should elapse between the death of a president and the reorganization of the First Presidency. In Accordance with this statement, eleven days after his death the First Presidency was organized with Lorenzo Snow as President and George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith as Counselors.

Lorenzo Snow presided over the Church for only three years and one month as he died Oct. 10, 1901 in his 88th year. But though his administration was brief it was very important for he laid the foundation for the Church to get out of debt. He issued one million dollars in Church bonds and stimulated the saints to a renewed effort to pay tithing.

During Woodruff's administration the government had confiscated the Church property and the saints had almost quit paying tithing.